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NEW ENTERPRISE TO CONTROL POLAND'S MERCHANT MARINE;
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MINISTRY CREATES POLISH SHIP REGISTER -- Warsaw Monitor Polski, 17 May 50

On 21 March 1950 the Ministry of Navigation and Transportation created the new state-owned enterprise to be known as the Polish Registry of Ships with headquarters in Gdansk.

The Registry will classify all ocean-going and inland navigation vessels and will supervise the construction, alteration, and repair of such vessels. It will appraise vessels and will be responsible for any work required for classification and appraisal, including technical supervision, technical specifications, estimation, and registry of damages.

For ocean-going vessels, the Registry will issue regulations governing safety, the condition of electrical equipment, anchors, boilers, dimensions, etc. On inland waterway vessels, it will perform technical services for the Ministry of Transportation in connection with dimensions and patented features.

The enterprise will be under the supervision of the Minister of Navigation acting in agreement with the Minister of Transportation. It will have a Council for Public Supervision, whose activities will be defined by the Council of Ministers at a later date.

MERCHANT MARINE NEARS 50 SHIPS -- Gdynia Mlody Zeglarz, Jan - Feb 50

As of 1 January 1950, the Polish merchant marine fleet numbered 48 ships with a gross tonnage of approximately 215,000 tons as against 38 ships with a gross tonnage of 120,000 tons in 1939.

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PURCHASE MOTORSHIP IN HOLLAND -- Gdynia Mlody Zeglaz, Jan - Feb 50

In 1949, one of the Polish shipyards began the construction of five small general cargo motorboats, of 660 dead-weight tons each.

In late 1949, the Polish government also purchased from Holland the general cargo motorship Bug of 641 dead-weight tons. The Bug, built in 1939 by N. V. E. J. Smit en Zoon, Scheepswerven, in Westerbroek, Holland, is 51.5 meters long and 8.3 meters wide. A 450-horsepower diesel engine enables the vessel to exceed 10 knots. The Bug has been placed on the Gdynia-Stockholm route. It has a crew of eight.

SEVEN VESSELS LAUNCHED IN 1948 -- Gdansk Gospodarka Morska, Apr - Jun 49

In 1948, Poland launched seven merchant vessels with a total gross registered tonnage of 7,935 tons. Three vessels with a gross registered tonnage of 5,025 tons were of domestic production, and four with a gross registered tonnage of 2,910 tons were built abroad.

1ST QUARTER 1949 TRANSSHIPMENTS IN POLISH PORTS -- Gdansk Gospodarka Morska, Apr - Jun 49

The following figures are for freight transshipments handled in the ports of Gdynia, Gdansk, and Szczecin:

**1949 Transshipments in Gdynia-Gdansk Port Complex
(in 1,000 tons)**

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Quarterly Total</u>
Coal, bunker coal, coke	862	825	916	2,603
Special bulk cargo	77	73	74	224
Grain (bulk)	55	54	51	160
Lumber	22	19	12	53
Other	--	--	11	11
General bulk cargo	48	38	33	119
Ore	26	2	22	50
Chemical fertilizers (bulk)	22	34	9	65
Other	--	2	2	4
General cargo	100	99	113	312
Warehoused	93	86	100	279
Nonwarehoused	4	6	5	15
Refrigerated	3	7	8	18

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1949 Transshipments in Szczecin Port
(in 1,000 tons)

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Quarterly Total</u>
Coal, bunker coal, coke	255	280	307	842
Special bulk cargo	5	18	18	41
Grain (bulk)	5	15	15	35
Lumber	--	3	3	6
Other	--	0	0	0
General bulk cargo	15	19	30	64
Ore	10	10	25	45
Chemical fertilizer (bulk)	5	9	5	19
Other	--	--	--	--
General cargo	25	12	24	61
Warehoused	21	10	23	54
Nonwarehoused	4	2	1	7
Refrigerated	--	--	--	--

WARTA-VISTULA CANAL IN OPERATION -- Hamburg Wirtschaftsdienst, May 50

The Warta-Vistula Canal, construction of which was started before 1939, has been put into operation. The canal connects the Upper Warta via Lake Goplo with the upper canal network of the Vistula. -- (Reprint from Wien Verkehr, 19 Jan 50)

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